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THE DELEGATION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS

AND POSITIONS IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE REFTEL SUBJECT DRAFT

RESOLUTION:

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1. IN ACCORD WITH THE US POSITION IN THE 3RD SESSION OF

FAO'S COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND THE 66TH FAO COUNCIL SESSION, THE DELEGATE MAY INDICATE THAT WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE HOLDING OF A WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN 1978 IF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF FAO DESIRE IT. THE UNITED STATES DOES, HOWEVER, FEEL THAT IF A NEED IS FELT FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT THEY WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF HELD AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.

2. FINAL DETERMINATION OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL BY FAO OF THE CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL A LATER FAO COUNCIL SESSION ALTHOUGH THE DG OF FAO WAS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE UN, ILO, IBRD AND OTHER AGENCIES WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THEIR INTEREST IN CO-SPONSORING AND SUPPORTING FAO'S INITIATIVE ON THE CONFERENCE. THE USG SUPPORTS THESE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE IN ORDER THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON HOLDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MADE WITH INPUTS FROM ALL INTERESTED SOURCES.

3. THE DELEGATION MAY SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH INSERTION OF THE PHRASE QUOTE AS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE END QUOTE FOLLOWING THE WORDS RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN BOTH PARAGRAPH ONE AND THREE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

4. THE DELEGATION SHOULD RESIST EFFORTS TO MERGE GLOBAL CONFERENCES ON WATER, DESERTIFICATION AND AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, POINTING OUT 1) THE WIDE DIVERGENCE OF SUBJECT MATTER 2) THE LARGE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TOPICS IN EACH AREA OF CONCERN AND 3) THE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN FORMULATING A VIABLE AGENDA TO PRODUCE MEANINGFUL RESULTS IN SUCH A CONGLOMERATE MEETING. KISSINGER

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